



Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning

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MEMORANDUM

To: CMAP Board

From: CMAP Staff

Date: November 2, 2011

Re: Illinois General Assembly Veto Session Update

The Illinois General Assembly finished the first week of veto session last month. Veto session will end on Thursday, November 10. During the first week of veto session some large pieces of legislation were passed including, SmartGrid (SB 1652 – both Chambers); SmartGrid trailer (HB 3036 – both Chambers), and Pension bills to close loopholes for union and municipal executives (HB 3813 & 3815 – passed House only). Other issues that were not passed, but received attention included gaming, pay for regional superintendents, and PTELL and will likely see more action when legislators return to Springfield.

CMAP staff is utilizing a legislative tracking service to help us better monitor activities in Springfield. The service allows us to track bills and actions more timely than in previous sessions. Below is a sample of the Tracking Report with the bills CMAP is tracking.

ACTION REQUESTED: Discussion

Veto Session Bill Report (2011-2012)

Bill: HB1966
Sponsors: Burke, D. (D23); Sandoval (D12)
Status: 08/12/2011 – Placed on House Calendar
Position: Neutral
Comments: Creates the Illinois and Midwest High-Speed Rail Commission to study implementation of HSR. HA1--Adds the Chairman of the ICC making the committee members 20 with 8 ex-officio members. The Governor vetoed this bill because the creation of this new commission duplicates the work of the 220 HSR Advisory Commission he appointed in June.

Bill: HB2270
Sponsors: Winters (R68); Sandoval (D12)
Status: 10/24/2011 – Placed on House Calendar
10/24/2011 – H Motion Filed Override Amendatory Veto Rep. Dave Winters.
Position: Neutral
Comments: Allows ISTHA to construct railroads on its right-of-way. This is an initiative out of the Rockford area. The Governor amendatory vetoed the bill and added language requiring an approval process through his office for the design and construction of projects entered into by the Illinois Tollway.

Bill: HB3036
Sponsors: McCarthy (D37); Harmon (D39)
Status: 10/26/2011 – Passed in both houses
Position: Neutral
Comments: This is the trailer bill to SB 1652 ComEd Smart Grid Bill. HB 3036, HA1 enhances SB 1652 in three key areas: reduced return on equity, \$60 million in assistance programs for low-income customers, seniors and disabled veterans, and \$200 million re-directed for storm response and hardening measures. The bill also strengthens accountability by doubling penalties against utilities if they fail to reach certain performance metrics. This bill is contingent upon veto override of SB 1652.

Bill: HB3372
Sponsors: Fortner (R95); Koehler (D46)
Status: 10/24/2011 – Placed on Senate Calendar
10/24/2011 – S Rule 2-10 Third Reading Deadline Established As November 10, 2011.
Position: Support

Comments: Allows counties that have adopted a stormwater management plan to adopt a schedule of fees applicable to real property within the county that benefits from the county's stormwater management facilities and activities. SB2195 is companion. HA1--Clarifies the fee is capped to not exceed tax cap. HA2--Requires a referendum by communities outside of CMAP area.

Bill: SB91
Sponsors: Althoff (R32); Osmond (R61)
Status: 10/27/2011 – Placed on Senate Calendar
10/27/2011 – S Total Veto Stands.
Position: Neutral
Comments: Amends the Fox Waterway Agency Act. Modifies the definition of "Waterway" to include the term "Chain of Lakes Fox River Recreational Waterway" and all streams, bayous, sloughs, backwaters, side channels, improved channels, and submerged lands or parts thereof which lie within the territory of the Fox Waterway Agency. Provides that all waters within the waterway are open to the public for navigation and fishing. The Governor vetoed this bill at the request of sponsor Sen. Pamela Althoff (R-Crystal Lake) because it fails to adequately protect the rights of private property owners.

Bill: SB1652
Sponsors: Jacobs (D36); McCarthy (D37)
Status: 10/26/2011 – Passed in both houses
10/26/2011 – S Both Houses Override Total Veto.
Position: Neutral
Comments: Allows public utilities to voluntarily set up a "smart grid," with the ICC determining if consumer rate increases are warranted after implementation has started. Incorporates the use of more alternative energy sources such as solar energy. The Governor vetoed this bill because it would force consumers to pay billions in rate hikes and reduce the state's ability to enforce performance standards for utilities.

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